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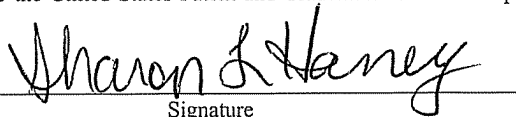
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Sir:

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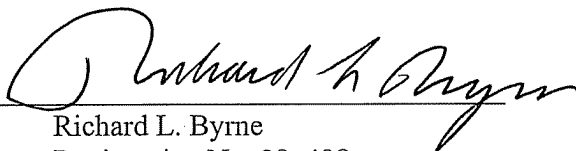
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The above-referenced application is the United States national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/JP2004/019266. The International Search Report (ISR) in the PCT application cites U.S. Patent No. 3,456,860 and Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. JP 4-006036, JP 2003-252384 and JP 50-136602, listed on Form PTO/SB/08a. The attached copy of JP 2003-252384 is accompanied by a partial English-language translation and the attached copy of JP 4-006036 is accompanied by an English-language abstract. An English-language abstract for JP 50-136602 is unavailable. Copies of the ISR, as well as an English-language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) are attached for the Examiner's convenience. It is noted that the prior art references identified in the ISR are all category "A" or state-of-the-art references. Further, it is noted that the IPRP states that claims 1-3 meet the international criteria for patentability. Therefore, it is believed that pending claims 1-3 are in condition for allowance.

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